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FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO, NEA ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON
AND INR DIRECTOR SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR EG CH
SUBJ: VP MUBARAK'S VISIT TO CHINA

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1. WHEN WITH VP MUBARAK THIS MORNING, I TOLD HIM I
HAD HEARD ABOUT HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO CHINA. MUBARAK
NOTED FAHMY HAD ANNOUNCED THE TRIP LAST NIGHT IN VIENNA.
HE SEEMED A BIT PUZZLED THAT IT HAD SURFACED
IN THAT MANNER. ASKED WHEN HE EXPECTED TO LEAVE, HE
INDICATED NEXT SATURDAY, (APRIL 17) OR SUNDAY (APRIL 18),
DEPENDING ENTIRELY UPON THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES. HE WILL
NOT BE ABLE TO SET A FIRM DATE UNTIL AFTER SADAT RETURNS
TOMORROW.

2. THE VP SAID THE REASON FOR HIS TRIP IS TO THANK THE
PRC FOR ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE. HE ALSO
SPOKE FAVORABLY OF TRADE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EGYPT
AND THEPRC THROUGH WHICH LOW-COST CLOTHING IS
IMPORTED INTO EGYPT FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC -AT-LARGE. WITH SOME
AMUSEMENT, HE REMARKED THAT THE SOVIETS WILL CERTAINLY
BE DISPLEASED AT THIS SIGN OF STRENGTHENING
EGYPTIAN RELATIONS WITH PRC.

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3. MUBARAK THEN NOTED RECENT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT NEW INTERNAL TURMOIL IN CHINA. ALTHOUGH GOE HAS AN AMBASSADOR IN PEKING, HE SAID HE FOUND THESE PRESS REPORTS PUZZLING. COULD WE PROVIDE HIM, PRIOR TO HIS UPCOMING TRIP, WITH OUR ANALYSIS OF WHAT THE CURRENT INTERNAL TURMOIL MEANS AND WHO SEEMS TO BE COMING OUT ON TOP. HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY MATERIAL WE COULD GIVE HIM ON THE SUBJECT.

4. I RECOMMEND THAT WE COMPLY WITH MUBARAK'S REQUEST AND GIVE HIM OUR ANALYSIS OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN CHINA TODAY. ANY SUCH GRIEF SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY, SAY, COB WEDNESDAY IF IT IS TO BE GOTTEN TO THE VP FOR STUDY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. I AM SURE THAT SADAT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SUCH A GESTURE ON OUR PART. EILTS

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